



# Gallup Fire Department

## 2021 Annual Report

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## CHIEF'S MESSAGE



I am honored to serve as the Fire Chief of the Gallup Fire Department (GFD). I cannot say enough about how lucky we are to have such great men and women who are committed to serving their community. Each and every member contributes to the success of our department. Humbly, much of what we do is demonstrated through our actions and service during emergencies.

We are pleased to present the 2021 Annual Report, needless to say it has been a very challenging year for the Fire Department. The continued challenges of COVID-19, staffing shortages, and increased call volume proved to be a strenuous year. In 2021, GFD responded to a record number of calls for service (6589), a 3% increase from 2020, and a 20% increase from 2019. Despite the challenges of COVID-19, extra duties, additional shifts and the fear of becoming sick, our firefighters continued to provide the highest level of professional service that our community expects. We hope that you will find this report helpful and informative.

In closing, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all the members of the Gallup Fire Department for allowing me to serve as their Fire Chief. Thank you for answering the call and serving your community. I would like to thank our Mayor and Council, City leadership, and our community for their support. I look forward to seeing what this department will be able to accomplish in the years to come. If you have any questions or comments related to the annual report or on any other topic, please feel free to contact me.

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## **CHIEF'S VISION STATEMENT**

"Our department values its members and encourages leadership at all levels to serve our community in public safety. Our department strives to provide the best customer service, and to be fully prepared and ready to safely respond to the changing needs of the community we serve."

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Gallup Fire Department is to provide leadership, coordination, and delivery of emergency medical services, fire prevention, fire suppression, and related services for the safety and protection of the people.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

- ❖ Established billing for emergency medical transports.
- ❖ Received a contribution of \$55,000 from McKinley County Fire Tax Board for two new gurney's, forcible entry training equipment, and air monitors.
- ❖ Received new ambulance/rescue unit from FY' 21 grant.
- ❖ Received \$15,942.20 from EMS Fund Act, Little Family Manikin set (\$4916.20) and \$11,026 for EMS operations.
- ❖ Station 1 parking lot repaved by the City Streets Department. (CIP project)
- ❖ Hosted Narcan training, 45 kits distributed.
- ❖ NFPA Community Risk Reduction Program.
- ❖ Obtained new Medical Director, Alex Jenson of GIMC.
- ❖ Response EMS guidelines updated to minimize duplication resources with MedStar Ambulance and Metro Dispatch.

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- ❖ Confined Space Training (24 hrs) with Water/ Wastewater and Electric departments.
  - ❖ Community Risk Reduction - CPR training provided to 90 community members and 17 City of Gallup employees.
  - ❖ Over 300 COVID Rapid Tests conducted for City employees.
  - ❖ KEY Fire Prevention and Administrative Officers positions filled.
  - ❖ Memorandum of Understanding updated with the New Mexico State Fire Marshal's Office.
  - ❖ Grants submitted for stair chairs.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

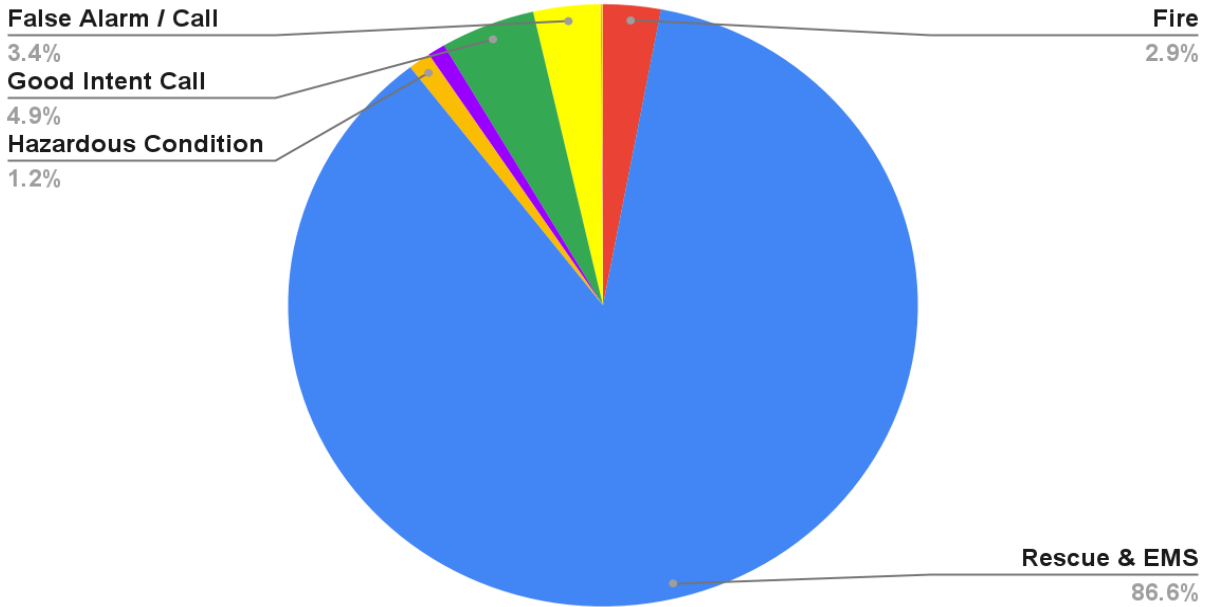
- ❖ Completed joint training exercise with McKinley County Emergency Management.
- ❖ McKinley County Hazard Mitigation Plan (joint plan) approved by Council.
- ❖ Obtained 10 UHF radios for City leadership in the event of a communication outage.
- ❖ The Department attends and participates with the McKinley County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), School Safety Committee.

## **OPERATIONS**

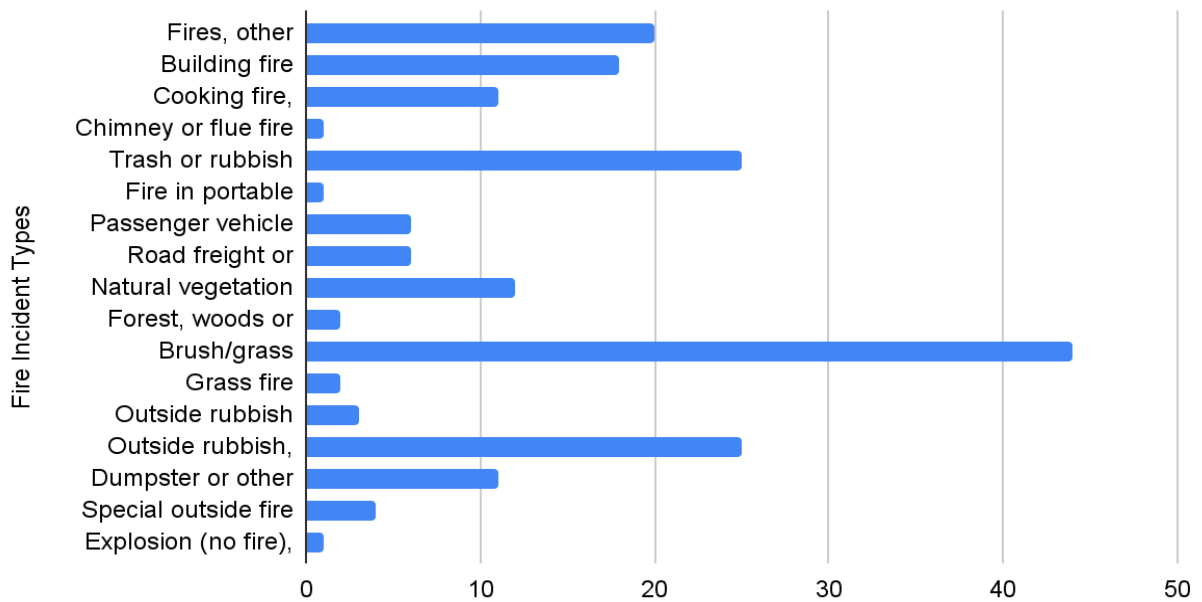
### **Major Incidents for Service = 6589**

- ❖ Fires = 194
- ❖ Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat- no fire = 1
- ❖ Rescue & Emergency Medical Service = 5703
- ❖ Hazardous condition = 76
- ❖ Service call = 60
- ❖ Good Intent call = 320
- ❖ False alarm & False call = 227
- ❖ Severe weather & Natural disaster = 2
- ❖ Special incident type = 6

## Major Incident Types for 2021



## Fire Incident Types

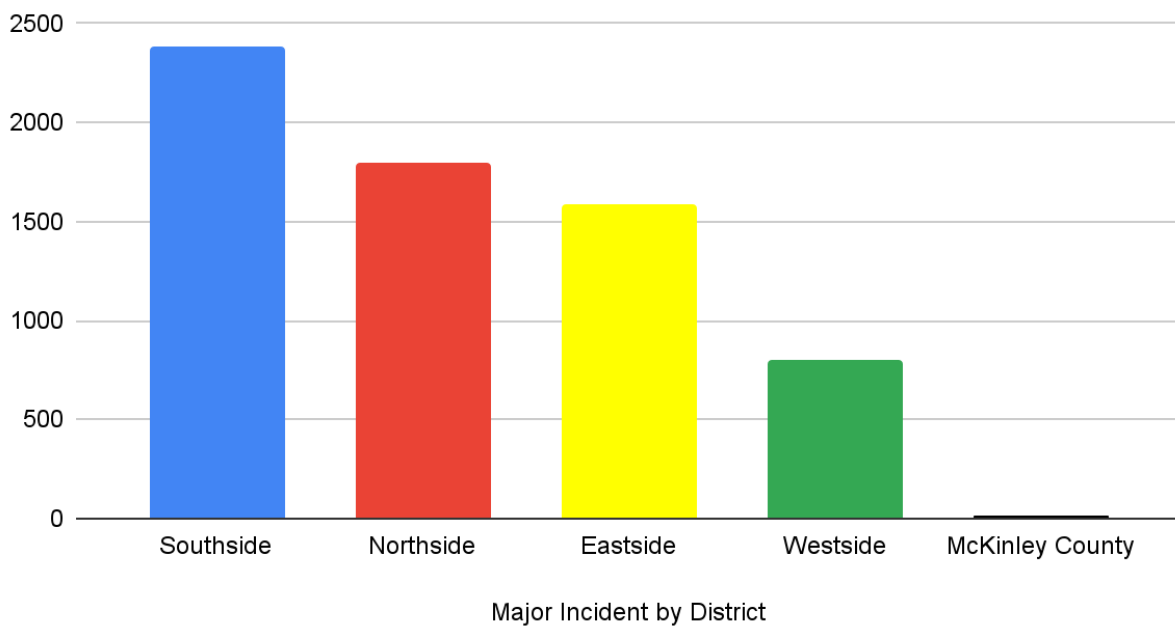


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## Major Incidents by District

- ❖ South Side, District 1 = 2388
- ❖ North Side, District 2 = 1800
- ❖ East Side, District 3 = 1583
- ❖ West Side, District 4 = 799
- ❖ McKinley County Calls = 19

## Major Incidents by District

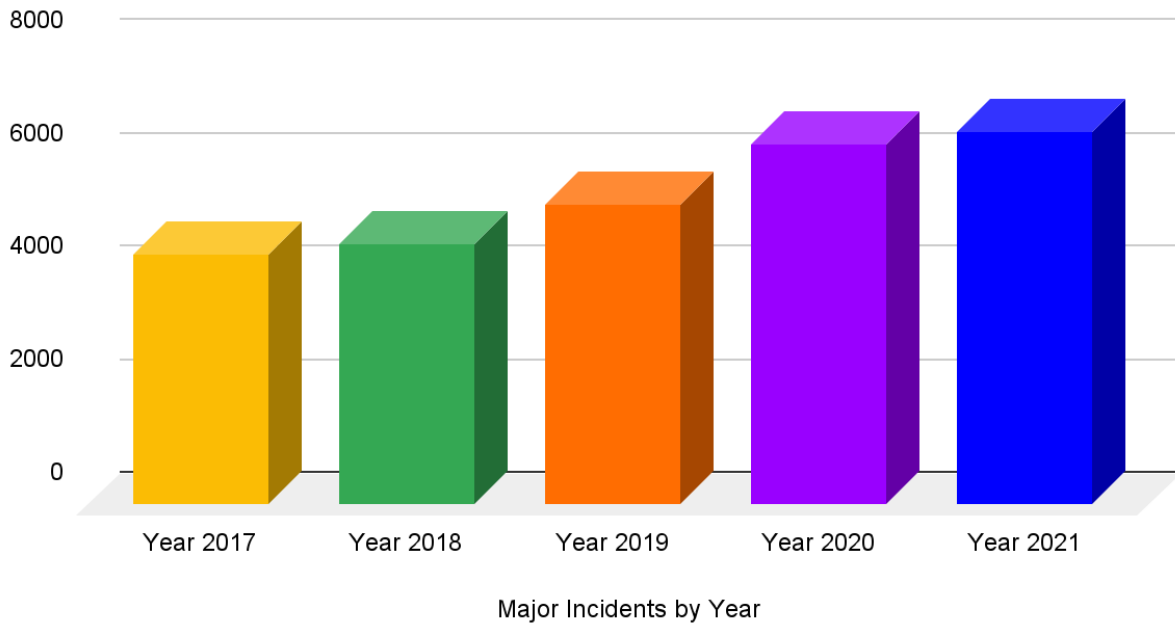


## Major Incidents by Year

- ❖ Year 2017 = 4427
- ❖ Year 2018 = 4601
- ❖ Year 2019 = 5316
- ❖ Year 2020 = 6380

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- ❖ Year 2021 = 6589

## Major Incidents by Year



## TRAINING

- ❖ 15,410 training hours recorded. Average hours per member 442
- ❖ Fire Officer I for two promoted lieutenants
- ❖ Fire Service Instructor = 4
- ❖ Fire Origin and Cause = 1
- ❖ Fire Investigator I = 1
- ❖ Incident Safety Officer = 4
- ❖ Health and Safety Manager = 3
- ❖ Incident Command 300 level = 2
- ❖ Incident Command 400 level = 2
- ❖ Firefighter recruit task book developed.

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- ❖ Officer development task book developed.
  - ❖ Sponsored New Mexico Firefighter Training class- Fire Instructor I.
  - ❖ Confined Space Training (24 hrs) with Water/ Wastewater and Electric departments.

## **FIRE PREVENTION**

**Total Inspections Completed:** 428 (655 were completed in 2020)

### **Inspections by Occupancy Type:**

- ❖ Assembly = 83
- ❖ Business = 136
- ❖ Educational = 29
- ❖ Factory / Industrial = 9
- ❖ Institutional = 8
- ❖ Mercantile = 67
- ❖ Residential = 69
- ❖ Storage = 22
- ❖ Mobile Food Vending = 5

### **Inspections by Type:**

- ❖ Annual = 224
- ❖ Complaint Driven = 19
- ❖ Follow Up = 95
- ❖ Initial Business License = 55
- ❖ Business Request = 10
- ❖ Fireworks = 5
- ❖ Temporary Structure / Tent = 2
- ❖ Unannounced = 2

## **Public Education**

**Community Number of Contacts = 4,863**

### **Education by Type:**

- ❖ Fire Extinguisher Training / Fire Safety Training = 234
- ❖ Community Outreach = 2,548
- ❖ Fire Prevention in Schools = 2,081
- ❖ Smoke Alarm Installation = 40



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## **Fire Investigations: Total 13**

### **Investigation Findings:**

- ❖ Undetermined = 6
- ❖ Accidental = 4
- ❖ Incendiary = 3

## **Fire Fatalities: Zero**

## **Plans Review**

- ❖ Plan Review Completed: 91
- ❖ Task Force Review: 27
- ❖ Fire Protection Systems: 3

## **Fireworks Permit**

- ❖ Residential Discharge Permit = 61
- ❖ Commercial Vendor = 6

## **COVID-19 Items**

- ❖ COVID Education or Occupancy Classification = 25
- ❖ Public Health Complaints = 12

## **City Fire Extinguisher Inspection Program**

- ❖ City Departments = 536

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